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*To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the Borough
of Aldeburgh.*

I beg to submit my Ordinary Report for 1922, the Report for 1920 being my Survey Report.

I have much pleasure in reporting—

The opening of a splendid Recreation Ground,
The Alterations to the National Schools, which are now
quite up to date,
The proper provision for a Mortuary,
The supply of Certified Grade A Milk,
Rebuilding of a Cow Shed.

On the other hand, I would draw your special attention to the damage that is being caused by sea erosion and to the state of overcrowding owing to house shortage, so that it is impossible in some of the houses to observe the proper separation of the sexes.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area, 2,090 acres.

Population estimated by the Registrar-General, 2,570.

Number of inhabited houses 677

Number of families or separate occupiers ... 724

Rateable Value £10,732

Sum represented by a penny rate ... £44 14s. 4d.

Rates, 18s. 10d. in the pound (County 9s., Borough 4s. 10d.)

Well over half of the Borough expenditure was on Public Health.

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total.	M.	F.	
Births	{ Legitimate	37	23	14 } Birth Rate (R.G.) 14.78
	Illegitimate	1	—	1 (England & Wales) 20.6
Deaths	...	...	35 12 23	Death Rate (R.G.) 13.6 (England & Wales) 12.9

No woman died in or in consequence of child birth.

Three Infants (all legitimate) died under one year of age, one a few hours old from Premature Birth, and two from Bronchitis.

Rate per 1,000 Births, 78.95 (England and Wales, 77).

There were no deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea.

Principal causes of death :—

Heart Disease	...	6	Accident	...	2
Nephritis	...	3	Phthisis	...	1
				(This had been notified.)	
Bronchitis	...	2	Diabetes	...	1
Cancer	...	2	Artereo Sclerosis	...	1
Pneumonia	...	2	Suicide	...	1
Influenza	...	2	Premature Birth	...	1
Apoplexy	...	2	Other Respiratory	...	1
Senility	...	2	Other Diseases	...	6

Ages at which death occurred :—

Under 1 year	...	3	
Over 20 and under 35	...	2	
Over 35 and under 45	...	2	
Over 45 and under 65	...	7	
Over 65	...	21	Average age of these = 76.4

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The average age of each person dying was 60.

3. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

There has been a remarkable freedom from notifiable diseases, only 10 cases of Pneumonia and 3 of Tuberculosis were notified :—

Disease.		Total Cases notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Deaths.
Pneumonia	...	10	4	<i>nil</i>
Tuberculosis :—				
(a) Pulmonary	{ M. ...	2	1	<i>nil</i>
	{ F. ...	1	<i>nil</i>	1
(b) Non-Pulmonary	{ M. ...	1	1	<i>nil</i>
	{ F. ...	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>

As Vaccination Medical Officer I have performed—

Primary Vaccinations	...	...	34
Re-vaccinations	...	...	29
			—
			63
Certificates of Exemption presented	...	...	7

4. CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

No remarks to make.

5. NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

This was the second year of the Infant Welfare and Maternity Home. One Midwife had to leave on account of ill-health, consequently more work has fallen upon Nurse Moore, although the newly formed Nursing Division have given her a certain amount of help.

6. LABORATORY WORK.

The County Council provide Laboratory assistance, full use of which has been made.

7. SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Mr. J. C. Gordon, the Sanitary Inspector, reports that—

All the houses within the Sewerage area are connected with the Main Sewers. Outside this area are 18 houses with cesspools.

House Refuse is collected and removed from all houses at least once a week.

Very few houses are fitted with sanitary dust bins.

There are 25 Registered Workshops, which are visited periodically ; amongst them are 4 Bake Offices.

Food is inspected by the Inspector of the Police acting on behalf of the County Council.

Slaughter Houses Unlicensed, 2 ; Licensed, 1. These are kept clean and whitewashed four times a year.

There are 3 Registered Cow Sheds and Dairies.

There are 4 „ Milk Shops.

One of these supplies Certified Grade A Milk, and one of the Cow Sheds has been rebuilt to comply with modern conditions.

There is no smoke nuisance.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

The Medical Officer of Health is a part-time officer, and the Surveyor and Sanitary Officer is a whole-time officer. Part of the salaries of both these officers is paid through the County Council.

9. HOUSING.

One new house was completed and occupied during the year.

Twenty-three houses were inspected, and in 15 overcrowding was discovered, and one house was found to be unfit for human habitation.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

C. D. SOMERS.
